

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 4/4/13

PRESENT: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, DPW Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Ellen Callaway, Janice Pare, SAVE Club Member Amy Currul, Sue Stamps, Secretary Pete Howard

ARTICLE 4 SPECIAL TOWN MTG PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES Amy explained that the SAVE Club would like to ban by bylaw sale of single serving PET water bottles. She stated that the water is no better quality than water supplied by the MWRA. The bottles are often not recycled. The small size is inefficient. The SAVE Club has been unable to get the school administration to remove the dispensers because they earn money for the schools. To provide ready access to water at the high school the SAVE Club has offered to pay for the installation and maintenance of water fountain filters in the high school. Amy is preparing a substitute article. The ARC will meet on 4/22 at 7:00 PM before Town Meeting to vote on whether to support the substitute wording which Amy will email to members in advance. Members will also use that meeting to coordinate talking points.

RECYCLING COORDINATOR REPORT/TONNAGE Charlotte updated her report (Ref 1)
The committee expense table needs correction. Charlotte will correct at next meeting.
Gordon updated the rolling yearly solid waste totals (Ref 2).

UPDATES-Ongoing Projects

ECO FEST: About a dozen compost bins were sold at the one-day-only \$30 subsidized price. More are -being sold at the Town Yard. ARC approved continuation of ARC-discounted price of \$40 unanimously. This will continue until the dollar amount authorized has been spent and is being advertised as "while supplies last."

RECYCLING PHOTOS: Ellen is working on a photography project featuring bubble wrap, dry cleaner bags and Styrofoam. They could be a focus for Advocate articles.

BUSINESS RECYCLING: Juli discussed with the DPW Director the revision of DoH hauler regulations to require recycling. He is unclear how this concept came about and needs more background information. Sue will meet with the Town Counsel to discuss next steps. Charlotte to forward info gathered by Sue to Mike. Juli suggested to Mike that Sue meet with him since she is more familiar with the details and he agreed that was a good starting place for him.

PRESENTATION TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN: Juli reported that her presentation was well received.

E-WASTE Juli reported that the Boys Scouts are open to the idea of collecting electronic waste from elders who can't carry large items such as TVs.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: Charlotte reported that all the schools use the steel plastic bag holders to collect milk boxes after lunch. She asked if the ARC would fund a few more for DPW to loan for special events. Action postponed pending expense update.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LIAISON: Juli will talk w/ them to find out meeting schedule and introduce Sue as our liaison.

CCD PREPARATION: MAY 11 Gordon will announce at Town Meeting. There will be no drug drop-off since that service is now available at any time at the Police Station. There will be no sharps collection-residents will be urged to return them to drug stores. The flyer will explain these changes. Sneakers will be collected only if a volunteer is willing to drive them to Boston. Ellen volunteered. Volunteer hours will be extended to cover cleanup. 9-11:15; 11:15-1:30. We will need two dedicated people all day at the Styrofoam dumpster and the usual 3 - 4 general volunteers per shift to help with traffic and unloading. Gordon to ask Diane Mahon for 1 volunteer per shift to help w/ sneaker collection and with help to transport them into Boston.

REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES: Charlotte suggested the ARC purchase some to use as recycling handouts.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (Not addressed above)

- Letter to Governor - Follow-up w/ other communities

- Recycling Promotion Articles

- Recycling Bin Map

- Volunteer Opportunities

- Plastic film recycling

FUTURE MEETINGS

Special Mtg 4/22/13 Town Hall 7:00

Regular Meeting 5/2/13 First Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Town Hall Annex unless otherwise announced.

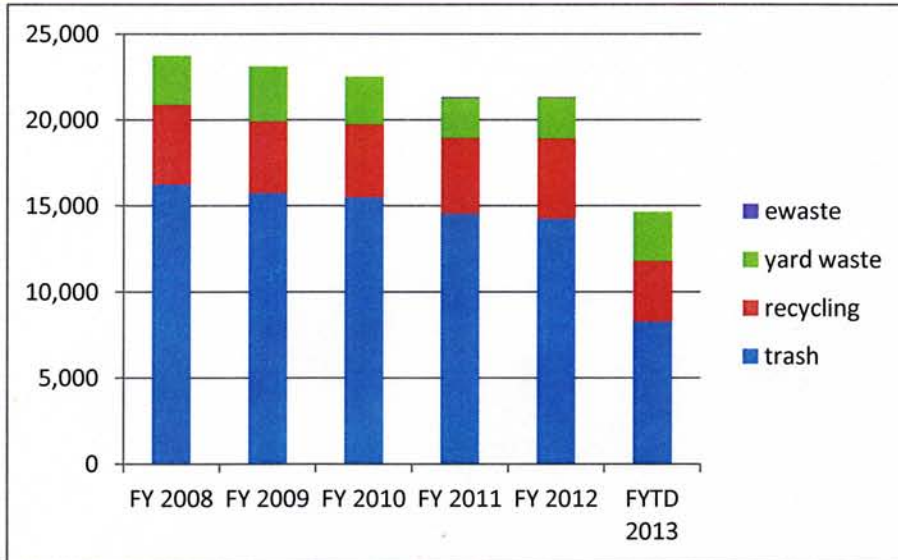
Ref 1 Recycling Coordinator Report

Ref 2 Annual Tonnage History

Arlington MA
Municipal Solid Waste Content and Tonage

Ref 1

	trash	recycling	yard waste	ewaste	MSW tons per household (22,607 hhds)
FY 2008	16,232	4639	2881		FY 2008 0.72
FY 2009	15,740	4165	3216		FY 2012 0.63
FY 2010	15,493	4244	2799		Mass MSW Master Plan Goals
FY 2011	14,538	4395	2332	72	baseline MSW 16,232 tons
FY 2012	14,248	4652	2381	68	30% by 2020 10,875 tons
FYTD 2013	8,281	3511	2869		50% by 2050 8,116 tons



Recycling Committee Expenses			
Date	Purchase	Cost	Balance
1-Jul-12	Starting balance		3000
17-Nov-12	snacks/beverages CCD	30	2700
Mar-13	discount on New Age composters	up to 800	1900

Trash 100
styrofoam 250

Arlington Solid Waste Incineration (Tonnage vs. FY)

